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PATENT

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In re:	Patent Application of Werner Seipel, et al.	: Group Art Unit: 1617
Appln. No.:	09/936,188	: Examiner: E. Webman
Filed:	January 2, 2002	: Confirmation No.: 2544
For:	CLEAR, COSMETIC PREPARATIONS CONTAINING FATTY ACID (POLYGLYCOL) ESTERS, FATTY AL- COHOL (POLYGLYCOL) ETHERS, POLYOLS AND/ OR ALK(EN)YL OLIGOGLYCOSIDES, AND METHODS OF PREPARING THE SAME	: Attorney Docket No.: H 3980 PCT/US

RESPONSE TO THIRD ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 24, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the 11/04 Office Action"), in the above-identified application. This response is being timely filed, as a Petition for a two-month extension of time, up to and including February 24, 2004, including an authorization to charge fees, is being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of the Examiner's original Requirement for Election set forth in the Office Action dated October 15, 2003 ("Paper No. 8"), as well as withdrawal of the further/modified Requirement for Election set forth in the Office Action dated June 10, 2004 ("the 6/04 Office Action") and the 11/04 Office Action, in light of the following remarks.